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AMENDMENT - NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed September 26, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited. Please also consider this a Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper (Pages 2-7).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper (Pages 8-10).